

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, November 17, 2008.

Met at six minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Ms. Wolf of Cambridge in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Prayer was offered by the Reverend Robert F. Quinn, C.S.P., Chaplain of the House, as follows:

Eternal God, Our Creator, we believe that You continue to have a personal interest in our material and spiritual well-being. We are grateful for Your concern and interest, for this reality enables us to face each day's challenges and our opportunities for helping others with courage, enthusiasm and hope. During these days of worldwide economic and political unrest, we pray for the wisdom and patience to select our best legislative and political options. Let our choices be fair, just, ethical and reasoned. While the issues of the moment command our attention and action, we need Your guidance as we try to plan for the future of the people, our communities and our Commonwealth.

Grant Your blessings to the Speaker, the members and employees of this House and their families. Amen.

At the request of the Chair (Ms. Wolf), the members, guests and employees joined with her in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Communication.

A communication from the Human Resources Division of the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (under Section 25 of Chapter 31 of the General Laws) submitting a list of certain public safety fire and police promotional lists which have been revoked as of November 1, 2008, was placed on file.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Hall of Westford) congratulating the Westford Historical Society on their fiftieth anniversary;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Ross of Wrentham) congratulating Samuel Dickinson of Medfield upon his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout; and

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Ross of Wrentham) congratulating Hunter A. Fellman Greene of Medfield upon his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout;

Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Peterson of Grafton, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Papers from the Senate.

Military, preda-
toy
insurance.

The House Bill protecting certain military personnel from deceptive practices (House, No. 4508) came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

“SECTION 1. Section 11 of chapter 176D of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:—

Notwithstanding the forgoing, the commissioner may, in accordance with said chapter 30A, promulgate rules and regulations to protect service members of the Armed Forces of the United States from dishonest or predatory insurance acts or practices by identifying certain insurance acts or practices as false, misleading, deceptive or unfair.”

Under suspension of Rule 35, on motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy, the amendment (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

Cape Cod,
status of
women.

A Bill establishing the Cape Cod and Islands commission on the status of women (Senate, No. 2884) (on a petition), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Sharon
Brady,
sick leave
bank.

A petition of Patricia D. Jehlen and Sean Garballey for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Sharon Brady, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Judiciary.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2888) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Judiciary.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the following petitions:

Public
nuisances.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of James J. O’Day, Harriette L. Chandler and others relative to the penalties for violations of certain laws and to clarify the statutory authority for suppressing and eradicating certain public nuisances, including the Asian Longhorned Beetle or Oak Wilt. To the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

Sharon Peeler-
La Fountain,
sick leave.

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of Pamela P. Resor and James B. Eldridge for legislation to authorize the Department of Correction to establish a sick leave bank for Sharon Peeler-La Fountain, an employee of said department. To the committee on Public Service.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. O’Day of West Boylston, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

*Motions to Discharge Certain Matters
in the Orders of the Day.*

The Senate Bill designating certain lands in the town of Monson for agricultural, conservation and public recreational purposes (Senate, No. 2695, amended), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time, under suspension of Rule 47, on motion of Ms. Peisch of Wellesley; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Monson,
lands.

The House Bill establishing a group insurance liability fund in the town of Westwood (House, No. 4840), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time, under suspension of Rule 47, on motion of Mr. McMurtry of Dedham; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Westwood,
group
insurance.

The House Bill relative to signatures for nomination petitions for city councillor at large (House, No. 4889), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time, under suspension of Rule 47, on motion of Mr. Fresolo of Worcester; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Boston,
councillors
at large.

The House Bill increasing the number of licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages in the town of West Bridgewater (House, No. 5088), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time, under suspension of Rule 47, on motion of Mr. Peterson of Grafton; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

West
Bridgewater,
liquor
licenses.

The House Bill relative to the voting practices of the Franklin Regional Council of Governments (House, No. 5134), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time, under suspension of Rule 47, on motion of Ms. Peisch of Wellesley; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Franklin
Regional
Council.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DiMasi of Boston,—
Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Thursday next at eleven o’clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At twenty-four minutes after eleven o’clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Peterson of Grafton (Ms. Wolf of Cambridge being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet on Thursday next at eleven o’clock A.M., in an Informal Session.